

## The Road to Reuse

Many neighbors have expressed interest in how the Depot property will be transferred to the Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC) for future use.

The DRC is recognized by the Secretary of Defense as the entity created by state and local governments with the responsibility for developing and implementing the Memphis Depot Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Jim Covington is the executive director of the DRC.

Before the Depot property can be reused according to the Memphis Depot Redevelopment Plan, the federal government must ensure it is environmentally suitable for reuse. The environmental cleanup program and property

lease/ transfer program at the Depot is governed by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Under the provisions of this Act, the Depot environmental team must research and disclose all known historical uses, environmental issues associated with the property and cleanup activities to the lessee or buyer – in this case, the DRC. This information is contained in either a Finding of Suitability to Lease (FOSL) or a Finding of Suitability to Transfer (FOST).

Currently, the Main Installation has been found suitable to lease. The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team will continue to evaluate the environmental condition until all property is in a transferable condition. □

## Steps to Transfer

A number of environmental clearance steps must occur before the property is leased or transferred to the DRC;

- 1 Identify the environmental condition of the property.**
- 2 Conduct any necessary cleanup activity using Army policy and the Memphis Depot Redevelopment Plan as guidelines.**
- 3 Determine any deed restrictions for the property (common real estate restrictions).**
- 4 Prepare a FOST document (Finding of Suitability to Transfer).**
- 5 Conduct a comment period for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the community.**
- 6 FOST is signed.**
- 7 Transfer documents, i.e. a deed, issued to new owner. □**

## UPCOMING RAB MEETINGS

Join us at the next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting to learn about the environmental cleanup program and to raise issues of interest or concern to you. The RAB includes community members who gather to review proposed plans and actions and provide input on the environmental cleanup activities.

**Next meetings will be held**  
**September 16/99**  
**October 21/99**

Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the "J" Street Cafe at the Depot, 2163 Airways Blvd., Memphis, TN. Enter through Gate 2, proceed through guard entrance and follow the signs. □